(c) how many vacancies were there in Madras High Court as on date and the date on which each of the vacancies had arisen;

(d) how many vacancies were filled up in Madras High Court during the last three years alongwith the date on which the vacancy had arisen and when it was filled up;

(e) how many times lawyers in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry in the past have gone on strike to register their protest against delay in filling up these vacancies; and

(f) whether any additional posts have been sanctioned in Madras High Court and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As furnished by the Registry of the Madras High Court the pendency on 31.12.1985 is as under:—

Civil cases	Criminal cases
1,45,141	13,377

Pending for more than

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Civil	27365	12801	20
Criminal	1612	292	—

(c) There are 6 vacancies of permanent Judges. These vacancies occurred on 25.1.84, 1.6.85, 10.3.86, 10.8.86, 3.9.86 and 23.10.86.

(d) The requisite information would be placed on the Table of the House after consulting the High Court.

(e) The requisite information would be placed on the Table of the House after consulting the High Court and State Government.

(f) No, Sir.

Pending cases in Supreme Court

667. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are pending in the Supreme Court for disposal, categorywise as on date;

(b) how many cases are more than three years old and five years old;

(c) how many full bench cases are presently pending for disposal and how many are more than three years old and also more than five years old;

(d) how many vacancies are there in the court alongwith dates on which each vacancy has arisen as on date;

(e) during the last three years, how many vacancies have been filled up along with the date on which such vacancy had arisen and date from which it was filled up; and

(f) what steps are being taken to dispose of these cases speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected from the Registry of Supreme Court for being laid on the Table of the House.

(d) As on 1.11.1986 there are 11 vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court. The dates from which these vacancies have arisen are as follows:

9·3·1986 . .	(one)
7·4·1986 . .	(One)
15·6·1986 . .	(One)
9·5·1986 . .	(Eight)

(e) The occurence of vacancies and their filling from 1.1.83 is as under:

Vacancies from	Appointment from
1·1·1983	1·1·1983
13·1·1983	25·6·1984
9·5·1985	29·10·1985
12·7·1985	29·10·1985
17·8·1985	10·3·1986
20·8·1985	10·3·1986
1·10·1935	10·3·1986
9.3.1986	
7.4·1986	
15·6·1986	
9·5·1936 (Eight)	

(f) The steps taken to reduce pendency are given in the attached Statement. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 27].

Setting up of High Court in Tripura

668. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have any proposal to set up a separate High Court in the State of Tripura during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Setting up of High Court is not a Plan-scheme and hence is not connected with the Seventh Plan.

The matter of establishing separate High Court for the State of Tripura is engaging the attention of the Government.

Setting up of a Paper Mill at Tripura

669. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have any proposal to set up a Paper Mill in Tripura during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor, especially in view of the vast forest resources available there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up a paper mill in Tripura during the Seventh Plan period in the Central Sector. A capacity of 1.33 lakh tonnes for manufacture of paper has already been set up in the Central Sector in the north eastern region. An additional capacity of 1 lakh tonne is also under implementation in the Central Sector. In case the State Government has any proposal to set up a paper mill in Tripura either in the State Sector or in joint sector, it could be considered.

Joint venture with NRIs for consultancy in Public Sector

670. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps towards setting up a joint venture in collaboration with Non-Resident Indians settled in the U.S. for specialised management and technological services for improved performance of public sector enterprises in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K K. TE-